Leasing out gaon sabha land

3467. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Administration propose to lease out gaon sabha land for tree plantation development and for preservation;

(b) if so, the extent of land to be leased out; and

(c) whether this was contrary to the provisions of Delhi Land Reforms Act, 1954?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Unauthorised construction in the Tis Hazari Courts complex

3468. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a large number of unauthorised structures constructed by the Delhi Bar Association in the Tis Hazari Courts Complex;

(b) whether these structures have been set up in violation of the provisions of the Delhi Master Plan-2001 and the building bye-laws; and

(c) if so, what action Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The matter is reported to be presently sub-judice in the Delhi High Court.

Unauthorised squatting by hawkers on pavements in Chandni Chowk, Delhi

3469. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the problem of unauthorised squatting by hawkers on pavements have posed erosion in business activities to the shop owners in the Chandni Chowk area;

(b) whether the traders of the area have urged Government to remove all such unauthorised hawkers on pavements in the area;

(c) whether the connivance of the MCD and police have given rise to such unauthorised squatting on pavements; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The Government is not aware of the effect of squatting by the hawkers on the business of shop owners in Chandni Chowk. However, the traders of the area have represented to Municipal Corporation of Delhi in this regard.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. M.C.D. reports that it conducts regular raids to remove unauthorised squatters from the area within available resources. A few squatters have managed to obtain stay orders from various courts restraining MCD from taking action against them. However, constant efforts are made by MCD to reduce unauthorised squatting in the area as far as possible.

Drive by MCD and NDMC for facelift to Delhi

3470. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the MCD and NDMC recently launched a special drive to give a facelift to the city;